



Your reference:

Our reference: FOI_25_0690

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0690

On 14/07/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Total number of arrests of people of the following nationalities for the years 2017 - 2024:
Iran, Afghanistan, Iraq, Albania, Syria, and Eritrea

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

An individual's nationality at the point of arrest is not a mandatory requirement, if not provided there is the option to select unknown. Equally even if a nationality is provided this is not verified against any identification document i.e. the individual's passport. Therefore, whilst we can provide data about the total number of specified nationalities provided at the

point of arrest, this may not be a true reflection of the actual numbers due to it not being a mandatory requirement and not verified. The figures could be higher or lower than what is stated below.

The table below is the totals held for 2017 – 2024 for the specified nationalities obtained at arrest, however as mentioned above these figures are not verified.

Nationality	Total
Afghanistan	85
Albania	376
Eritrea	63
Iran	139
Iraq	157
Syria	17

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following means:

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - casework@ico.org.uk

Post –

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Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

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